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## COVER STORY

The annual Dragon Boat Races, paced by the imperial Dragon Boat of days gone by. The ever popular contests will be held this year on 18th June around the island. For the full story and update on the festivities see this month's "Where We Live" column.

## SUMMER TRAVEL WISHES

To you valued readers who will be leaving us permanently for other parts this summer may we wish you safe journey and good fortune wherever you might go.

To those of you who will be on vacations have a good time and a safe return!

*Bon Voyage!*
*The Grapevine Staff*

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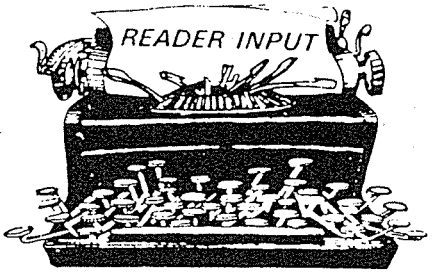



## BETTER BEACH ROUTES

*Dear Editor,*

*Being intimately familiar with several of the northern beaches listed in your "Getting Away" this month (May 1988) I can tell you that there are faster and better ways to reach some of them. Your directions are outdated.*

*Beach Bum, Taipei*

The directions given, although possibily outdated, are based on Tourist Bureau information and the miserable maps available here in English. For the un-initiated they are the best basic directions to get from A to B while being able to fall back on an available map. Ed.

## OZONE FAN

*Editor, Grapevine*

*There cheers to Arno Penn on his in-depth and pointed writing on ozone destroyers. This type of reporting is entirely new to Taiwan, and we only hope that local reporters, in any language, will follow suit.*

*J. Moultrie, Frequent Visitor*

*Dear Editor,*

*What happened to Mr. Hardyment's likeness in this month's (May 1988) issue, page 9?*

Despite earlier confirmation, on the basis of which the type was set, Mr. H. later decided to renege and we decided not to waste precious time and typesetting expense, so Mr. H. became the invisible man – now you see me, now you don't. Ed.

***"Well there I was, writing this letter to the editor . . . . "***

Letters and comments are welcome. Only those with the writer's name and address are acceptable for publication. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

## SUAO – TAIWAN'S CORAL TOWN

Located at the extreme southern tip of the broad Ilan Plain and lying almost midway between Keelung and Hualien, Suao ( 蘇澳 ) derives its existence almost entirely from the sea.

Long one of northern Taiwan's most important fishing centers, the port of Suao is home to a fleet of more than 400 fishing boats. However, unlike the fleets based at Keelung and Kaohsiung the Pescadores, which include many large vessels designed for deep-water fishing, most of the boats based at Suao are relatively small vessels which fish close offshore along the island's Pacific coast.

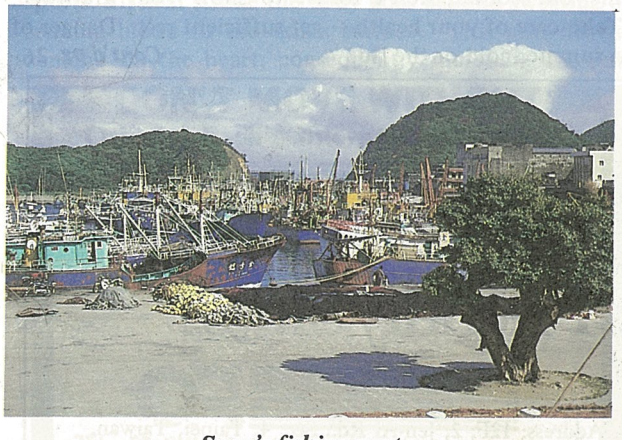
Because it is a fishing town, Suao is home to an abundance of seafood restaurants. Much of the very best of the fine seafood for which the town is famous, however, is found not in the larger restaurants but at the hundreds of small stands – many of which specialize in a single item – which line nearly every road near the waterfront. The best time to visit these stands is in early evening.

In addition to its importance as a fishing center, Suao is also one of the two centers of Taiwan's coral fishing industry – the world's largest.

Facing a number of problems – the most serious being the increasing scarcity of coral – the Suao-based coral fleet has shrunk from more than 300 vessels ten years ago to fifty or so today. Even at its reduced size, however, the Suao fleet remains possibly the largest single coral fishing fleet in the world today and lands almost half of the very costly deep red "oxblood" coral harvested each year.

Visitors to Suao should not expect to discover a bargain in coral, however, as almost all of the raw material is shipped to factories in Taipei or Kaoshiung for processing.

Suao is also home to the newest of Taiwan's five international ports. Located on one of the island's finest natural harbors, Suao Port is regarded as the logical alternative to the increasingly congested Keelung Harbor.



*Suao's fishing port*

*Suao's international facilities*

In addition to its own attractions, Suao is the starting point of one of the world's most spectacular roads – the 120 – kilometer Suao-Hualien Highway which, for much of its length clings precariously to a sheer cliffside with the drop to the ocean below being as much as 1,400 feet.

The best route to take on a trip to Suao (rom Taipei) is Highway 2 which heads south from Keelung, at the end of the freeway, via Tafu ( 大富 ) and Tungkang ( 東港 ). This route follows the scenic northeast coast with its great views of the Pacific Ocean. Also along the coast near Tungkang are some of Taiwan's most expensive beach cottages – including one or two constructed largely of marble brought in from Hualien. Total distance, Keelung to Suao, is just under 80 kilometers.

The trip between Suao and Taipei can be made via Route 9 which cuts through the center of the broad Ilan passing through Lotung and Ilan before cutting through the northern mountain range to Pitan and Taipei.

An interesting stop can be made along the way at Chiaohsi, seven kilometers or so north of Ilan, one of the finest hot springs resort areas in northern Taiwan. A long relaxing soak in any of the many springs in the Chiaohsi area is the perfect way to break the journey on a visit to Suao. Suao can also be approached from either Taitung or via the East-West Cross Island Highway.

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*To the Editor:*

*In a few weeks I will return to America to resume my duties as a professor at a large state university.*

*I have, over the past 12 years, been in Taiwan many times and observed the good and bad changes that have taken place and for the last two years I have lived here as an "Alien resident," teaching and writing.*

*I will greatly miss this beautiful island. Its people, its cuisine, its mountains and its beaches have made my two years here quite special. Those of us Americans lucky enough to break into Taiwan society have had a rare and wonderful experience.*

*I am sad to be leaving, ending my monthly dose of Grapevine with my periodic fix of Durdley (who is a very funny man); abandoning the institutionalized anarchy in traffic, bus lines, and taxis (but it all seems to work in the end) to return to the mundane cuisine of the Occident.*

*There are places in this world of ours destined by their history, their natural beauty and their location to stir the intellect and emotions of man. To the traveller far from home they become a sanctuary, special and therefore unique. Our beautiful island of Formosa is, I believe, such a place.*

*To the Grapevine staff many thanks for your humor, your good information and your fine efforts over these two years. Your magazine was like my monthly sojourn to a pizza parlor – essential to keep perspective and anticipated eagerly.*

*I am sure though that I will not be able to remain in the Occident too long before my thoughts of the East over ride the static middle-class-value system that weighs so heavily upon so many of us and instills fears of adventure, change and challenge.*

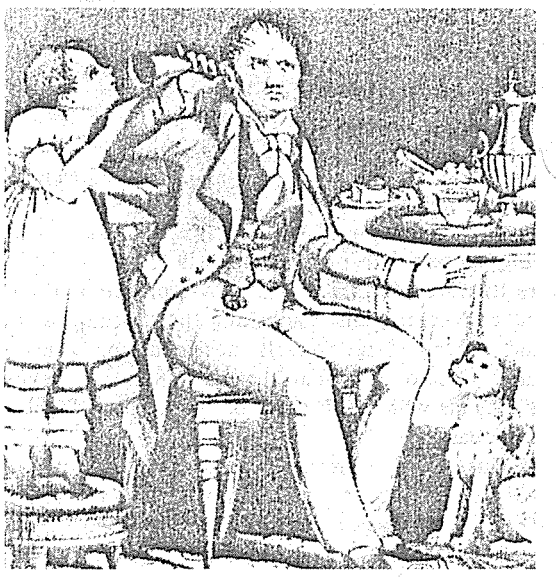
*Douglas C. Smith*
*Senior University Professor*
*Taichung*

**MORE PIZZA**

*Dear Sir or Madam:*

*Before closing your "Pizza Prowl IV" (MAY 1988 issue), may I seriously suggest you try the combination pizza, with extra cheese, at the VFW, #75 Teh-shing East Road, Tien-Mou. My family has voted it far-and-away "the best pizza in Taipei!" Another hint – try the saturday night 12 oz, steak dinner at the "V" for NT$325 – got to be one of the best deals (and best meals) in town.*

*Bill Rovan, Taipei*



***"Pa! Where's my bloody Grapevine!"***

DON'T MISS A GRAPEVINE.
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# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (20 Mar – 20 Apr) Watch out for old antagonists. Get pending problems settled. Beware of hot tempers in mid-month. Take it easy on the job, don't overdo. Some deep thinking is in order. Try a healthier diet and stick to it. Be more consistent.

**TAURUS** (21 Apr – 21 May) Early June is mostly spent tying up loose ends. You're due for a little reward in mid-June from a generous, though almost forgotten, source. Home affairs are quiet and the family feels a deeper appreciation of each other. Don't become too self satisfied – watch out for bumpy roads ahead.

**GEMINI** (22 May – 21 Jun) Don't be put off by interlopers – stick to your thing. Stall for better terms in any negotiation. Really loyal people are in your corner, don't forget to show your gratitude. Take care of your health – get sufficient rest. Danger of a summer cold or the flu. ***Cont'd pg.*** **26**

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# BYE-THE-BYE

## MAKING SUMMER MORE COMFORTABLE

Taiwan's long, hot, humid summer is upon us, and for the uninitiated, the few hot days we've seen thus far were mild by comparison to what's coming. And, weather is not the only summer menace that we face – old Mother Nature also throws in some annual hazards to be dealt with.

***Beating the heat:*** Air conditioners are natural heat beaters, however, they can lead to crippling electricity bills and if not used properly will make your forays out-of-doors even more insufferable.

The trick is to use the A/C only when you are *really* uncomfortable – don't let it become a habit motivated by the clock – and when you do use it keep the temperature just a few degrees lower than it is outside. If your home is damp a dehumidifer will help – these are now locally made. Many expats, especially those with large houses and central air conditioning, like to buy single units eachroom and cool off just one part of the house, cooling other rooms only when necessary.

Using fans in conjunction with air conditioners can also lead to more uniform cooling, and thus keep bills down. This also makes for a more healthy living/working environment, simultaneously eliminating icy blasts and pockets of heat.

Clothing is also important. Purchase and wear clothing that is loose fitting and is of material that *breathes.* Look for all natural fiber, such as linen or cotton, or mixtures containing a high percentage of them.

The humidity in Taiwan is usually worse than the heat, and guzzling iced tea or beer won't cool you off as it does in more arid climes. Anything to avoid sweating will help, since the sweat doesn't cool you through evaporation as nature intended.

Also keep in mind that high summer temperatures bring the danger of heat stroke which can easily be fatal. Heat stroke occurs when body temperature goes over 40.5 C (105 F) and the body's normal cooling mechanisms no longer work. In excessively hot weather strenuous activity should be kept to a minimum. Tasks involving physical work should be divided into short spurts. In heat stroke the body goes beyond sweating by sending blood to the skin's surface. This puts heavier demand on the heart, consequently increasing the possibility of heart failure. Another factor is that excessive perspiration may thicken the blood, making it more susceptible to clotting, again increasing risk to the heart. Aside from regulating activity one should increase fluid intake, preferably with plain water, or fruit juices rich in vitamin C. Vitamin C supplements of 250 mg to 500 mg have proven effective in improving heat tolerance. Alchohol is counterproductive in that it further affects circulation. A person suffering from heat stroke should be given tepid (air temperature) water and towelled with wet cloths until medical help is available.

Contrary to popular belief, additional salt intake is not the answer to heat, in fact salt (or sodium) may increase the risk of hypertension. It is established that 0.5 grams of salt per day, or one-twentieth the average western diet, is sufficient. Even in hot, sweaty summer conditions a shortage of salt is not a problem for the vast majority of people. Only if through very strenous work or exercise you lose over three litres (3 qts) of sweat per day (which should be replaced by drinking three litres of water or juice) does the replacement of sodium become a factor. Even then, after drinking three replacement litres only up to 1.5 grams (1/3 teaspoon) of salt is needed per litre of water drunk.

Beware of extreme temperature changes which can also cause stroke, cramps or dizziness. As mentioned earlier, keep the air conditioner just a few degrees below the outdoor temperature. Do not drink cold beverages or eat cold foods when you are hot from activity – cool down first.

***Sun cautions:*** Sun dangers are obvious. Obtain and use a sunscreen product suitable to your skin type and avoid long exposure. If you want a tan do it slowly on a day-by-day basis using a sunscreen.

If you do get severe sunburn try a mixture of one cup cold milk (preferably skimmed or non-fat if available) and four cups cold water. Soak the mixture into a washcloth or small towel and cover the burned area(s) for 15 to 20 minutes, repeating the process every 2 to 3 hours. Probably a better remedy, if available, is vitamin E. If you have E capsules simply puncture them and apply the liquid to the burns. Aloe Vera juice is also good.

***Poison Ivy:*** Poison ivy is on Taiwan. While some people are apparently immune to the swelling and itching caused by this plant most will suffer to some

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extent. Remember that poison ivy is also spread by burning which releases the poisonous resin through the smoke, so watch what you burn in yard clean-ups, on picnics, or camping trips. The poisonous substance also clings to clothes and can remain potent even after washing.

Treatment of poison ivy rash is mostly limited to getting relief from the itching. After washing the affected area with mild soap and luke-warm water apply a soothing lotion such as Aloe Vera juice or if unavailable, calamine lotion.

***Insect dangers:*** Bee stings can be dangerous and deadly if attacked by swarms, as was a school tour group here a couple of years ago, killing several persons. When walking outdoors keep your eyes open for bee hives or concentrations of bees in flight and avoid. Bees are also attracted to sweet smells so do not use perfumed cosmeties of any kind. Persons who are extremely allergic to bee stings should see their physican about carrying some epinephrine (adrenalin) before venturing into the great outdoors.

Normally a bee sting should be treated by scraping the stinger out with a sterilized knife tip or, if unavailable, use your fingernail. Do not squeeze or pluck the stinger out as more venom will be forced into the wound. After removing the stinger apply a paste or poultice which will draw on the wound. Try a powdered charcoal and water paste or a paste of baking soda (bicarbonate of soda). Even a flour paste is better than nothing.

If by very bad luck you are attacked by a swarm of bees keep calm – no matter what you do you are going to suffer some bites. Cover your exposed areas as much as possible with whatever you might have. It is wise to carry a plastic raincoat or sheet (also in case of rain). Run away in a zig-zag pattern – go into the brush if possible, trying not to let the bees get a straight shot at you. If they are able to attack you anyway, lie on the ground and roll slowly, keep covered as much as possible. If safe water (drowning is not the solution for bee stings) is nearby, run for it and immerse yourself while protecting your head and face.

Remember that as a precaution in the great outdoors it is wise to use a commercially available insect repellent or any potent salve or ointment, such as Mentholatum, with which insects disagree. And remember, mosquitoes like the color blue.


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# BY EASTERN WINDOWS

## FAST FOOD – ASIA STRIKING BACK

Have the big Mac's, King, Queen and other assorted burgers, dogs, pizzas, etc., ad nauseam really taken the orient by storm, changing the youngsters dietary habits forever?

It would appear not so. Recently in Japan a well-known domestic fast food chain, Mos Burger has come up with a seemingly successful challenge – the *rice burger*.

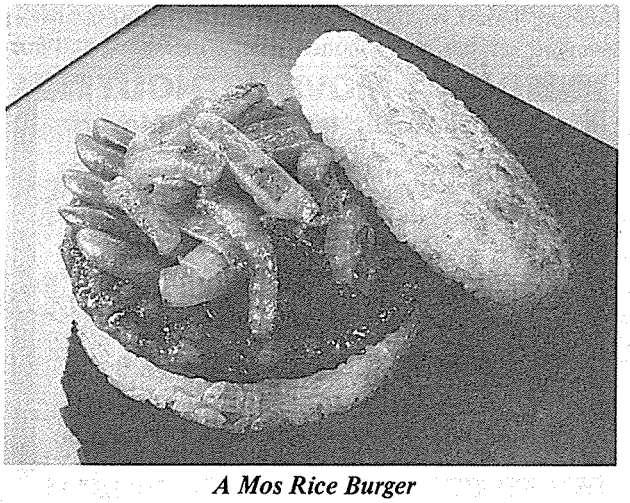
Mos, a Japanese outfit which initially followed in the tracks of McDonalds and has over 640 outlets around Japan, began a search in 1986 for a new product to help close the sales gap between thenselves and the U.S. competiton.

Much to the surprise of the research team, which was appointed to generate new product ideas, a survey of Japanese young people elicited the fact that 90 percent of them still consider rice as the national food staple. Armed with this information the team came up with a white-rice 2-piece "bun" which is stuffed with string beans, fried onions and a ground teriyaki-flavored chicken patty.

The rice burger is proving a big hit on the FF market, selling at ¥280 (about US$2.25 or NT$65.) and is delivered in a special plastic bag which preserves necessary moisture for the rice buns. It has rapidly placed itself amongst Mos top three-sellers with a daily all-Japan consumption of over 15,000 units.

This is also good news for Japan's heavily subsidized rice stockpiles since Mos calculates that the new burgers, at the present pace of popularity, will translate into additional monthly rice purchases of at least 150 metric tons.

Can we soon expect to see Taiwan rice burgers? They seem at least a partial answer to those fatty, diatary polluting imports which are currently bloating the local population. ***AP***



*A Mos Rice Burger*

# WHERE WE LIVE

## LIEN-TZUN • LUNG-CHOU • DRAGON BOAT

Whether you say it in Taiwanese, Mandarin or English, the dragon boats ar a sure sign of summer close upon us. And, one of the most popular and festive events of the year is this month's Dragon Boat Festival boat races. These races will be held throughout Taiwan on the lunar date fifth day of the fifth month, which falls on 18th June this year.

The origin of the Dragon Boat Festival dates back about 2200 years, to 295BC, when the honorable Chu-yuan held a stone to his chest and drowned himself.

Chu-yuan, a righteous and honest man, was a minister to the King of Chu. He stood against corruption and mis-rule but through intrigues, instigated by court adversaries, he was falsely discredited and finally banished from the king's court. This had such a profound effect upon Chu-yuan that he composed a poem entitled "Encountering Sorrow" and at age 37 ended his life in the waters of Hunan Province's Milo River.

The boats were eventually decorated with dragon's heads and tails because it is believed that the Dragon rules over the world's waters. Traditionally, the head and tail are stored ashore and mounted on the boats only for the annual races but modern boats are built complete. The launching ceremony is attended by priests, to the accompaniment of firecrackers. Prayer money is cast upon the water and put into the dragons' mouths to both exorcise and ward off evil spirits.

Practically every city in Taiwan with adequate water area sponsors a dragon boat race, the largest gatherings being in Taipei, this year in Yung-ho at the Chung-cheng Bridge ( 中正橋 ) where the waters are reportedly cleaner than at the old locale: Kaohsiung on Lotus Lake ( 蓮池潭 ); and in Tainan at Anping on Anping Rd. ( 安平路 ) at the Tainan channel ( 台南運河 ).

The race in Lukang ( 鹿港 ), near Taichung and Chuanghua, one of the oldest in Taiwan, is celebrated with great pageantry and is not so spoiled by commercialism as the larger cities' races. Lukang can be done in a one-day trip from north or south and is the closest for Taichung residents. Another great trip is to Hualien where the races, spiced with aboriginal participation, are held on Carp Lake ( 鯉魚潭 ) about 30 min. away from the city (incidentally, the lake also provides good fishing). These races begin at 9AM. If driving one should book lodging in advance and plan to arrive the day before. Regular flights are available from Taipei and Kaohsiung.

*Batsan in traditional wrapping and the tasty treat ready for eating*

The key word to attending any race is *early*. Races usually begin at 9AM but the crowds gather as early as 6 – 7 AM.

If it's great "batsan" or tzungtzu you want, Tainan is reknowned for this delicious steamed whole-rice dumpling usually stuffed with chestnuts, pork, pigeon egg, mushrooms and peanuts. Other varieties around the island may contain other ingredients such as shrimp or might be sweetened – there are even vegetarian versions. Batsan shops sell to long queues begining a couple of days prior to the festival and can rarely keep up with the demand.

Other observances for this festival are the hanging of artemisia or calamus sprigs over main entrances to ward off the ills and evil spirits prevalent during the hot months. Similarly, packets of medicines or herbs, often very colorful, are sometimes hung round the neck or fastened to the clothing of children.

Sometimes herbs are added to the festival foods, medicinal wine ( 雄黃酒 ) is drunk and certain other foods considered to have medicinal properties are eaten to cleanse the system and prevent infection in the sultry months ahead.

All-in-all, the Dragon Boat Festival is a great way to kick off summer, even if one just relaxes and takes in the races at home on the TV.

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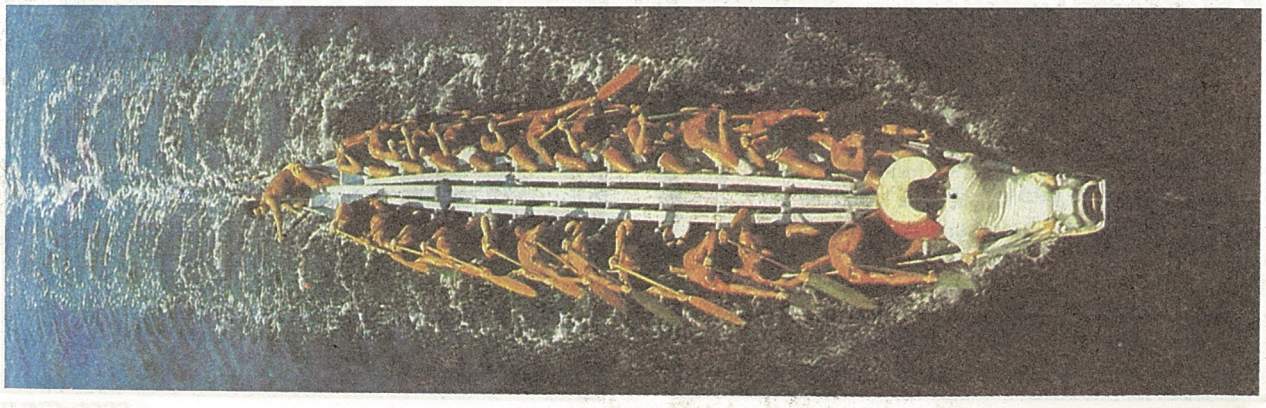

# TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

*He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything.*

ARAB PROVERB

## BEWARE OF FLU-DRIVERS

Drunk driving may be bad, but driving with the flu is worse, according to recent testing in England of the reaction times and hand-eye co-ordination of 45 adult subjects.

Participants were tested prior to becoming ill with a cold or flu, and at the peak of the illness. Those with the flu were found to suffer impaired coordination worse than that of persons who had taken alcoholic drinks.

Those with flu and colds were checked to see how rapidly they could press a button when a pre-designated spot or number flashed on a computer screen and also how successfully they could follow the path of a moving square with a cursor. Alertness was also measured four times daily. Flu sufferers were drowsy and showed reaction time slowed by 57 percent. Their hand-eye coordination seemed unimpaired. However, cold-sufferers revealed only an almost negligible decrease in alertness and no decrease in reaction time. Yet their hand-eye coordination was far inferior to that of a control group who had no colds.

The very high, 57 percent decline in reaction time would be dangerous for drivers, pilots and air traffic controllers, where fast reaction, alertness and efficient hand-eye co-ordination are necessary.

So think twice about driving when you are suffering from the flu or a cold.

## HOW MUCH EXERCISE?

If your opinion is that physical exercise does not contribute much to good health and long life, consider the following:

A recent study of 13,000 middle-aged men by the University of Minnesota School of Public Health evidenced that persons who perform regular aerobic exercises such as fast walking, jogging or running, swimming and bicycling definitely have superior health and more years in which to enjoy it than do non-exercisers.

What about individuals who fall into the group between brisk exercisers and chair-warmers-those whose physical exercise is slow walking, household tasks, gardening, bowling, or fishing – benefits are not as good as those for daily, brisk, aerobic exercisers, but they are anyway appreciable. Men who are susceptible to heart disease can cut their risk of death by at least one-third over a seven-year period.

Undoubtedly, regular and vigorous aerobic exercise results in the greatest physical benefits: increased physical fitness, improved cardiac efficiency, lower blood pressure and slower heart rate.

## FAT TO MUSCLE MYTH

Fat and muscle are entirely separate components in the body. Body fat can only be affected by the amount of calories (energy) consumed. One pound of body fat equals 3,500 calories.

Exercise burns calories and is an excellent means for reducing fat stores in the body. At the same time, exercise strengthens and tones muscles. But as a rule, muscle size increases only through resistive exercises whereas fat and muscle gains and or losses are independent of each others.

Selecting the most appropriate activity is critical for maximizing your goals. Aerobic exercises, such as swimming, brisk walking, jogging, rowing, and aerobic dance, promote fat loss. Strength-oriented activities, such as situps, push-ups, calisthenics, and weight lifting, promote muscle strength and toning.

## MILK – A SNEAKY ALLERGEN

Many westerners, and of late, increasing numbers of Asians, consume considerable quantities of dairy products, including milk and ice cream.

Often, we develop complaints for which no cause can immediately be determined. These symptoms range from rashes and boils to excessive intestinal gas and flatulence. Milk intolerance is often the culprit, even when we have enjoyed dairy products all of our lives without previous ill effects.

There are at least two kinds of milk intolerance: true allergy, in which an individual is sensitive to milk protein; and lactose intolerance, in which he or she cannot digest milk sugar.

The best way to get rid of the milk sugar is to ferment it with bacteria. Thus, yogurt or buttermilk are good milk substitutes for people with your problem.


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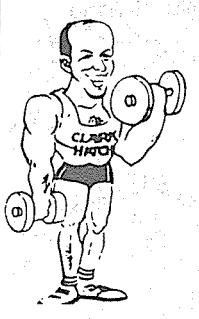
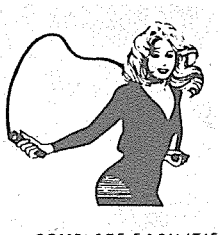



- Good health requires regular exercise. Plan a program and stick to it.
- Why not work out during lunch hour – instead of putting on weight, take it off.
- Morning and evenings are best for walking or running, when the sun's not too strong.
- Get 15 – 20 minutes of aerobic work-out at least 3 – 4 times per week.



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Much of the lactose (milk sugar) has been changed to tangy, sour (and harmless) lactic acid by the action of cultured lactobacilli. Many cheeses are low in lactose, too.

If problems persist, you may be reacting to milk protein, which is another matter. You may need to change from cow's milk to goat's milk, and to use cheeses made from goat's or sheep's milk, such as fromages de chevre or imported roquefort.

There *might* be a third type of intolerance: reactivity to milk peptides (protein fragments). European scientists have isolated and characterized beta-casomorphins, milk-derived peptides having narcotic-like properties.

Who needs milk, anyway? Many health experts insist adults outgrow their need for it. In any case, if you can't handle milk here are some good non-dairy calcium sources: spinach, broccoli, legumes, leaf lettuce, mustard greens, soybeans, green beans, sardines, shellfish, and cauliflower.

## DOUSING SMOULDERING THOUGHTS

How to stop thinking about something you don't want to think about? As all well know, it's not easy and the harder we try to suppress the thought, the more likely it is to stay in your mind.

In a test students were instructed not to think of white bears and then to dictate their flow of thoughts into a tape recorder, activating a bell when a white bear came their thoughts. By *not* thinking of white bears, they averaged thinking about them at least once a minute during their five minute test.

It seems that before you can stop thinking about white bears, or anything else, you first must think of it.

The way to overcome the problem is by substitution. The researchers recommended that students think about a red Volkswagen whenever they thought about a white bear. The strategem of trading a white bear for a red Volkswagen was successful.

This knowledge might be helpful for people with obsessions or for those who have an addiction like cigarette-smoking and can't get the mental image of cigarettes off their mind.

## LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is a guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all lucky except for those in brackets, which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to open a new business on a lucky day will bring prosperity. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite.

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| ADOPTIONS | 3, 4, 10, 12, 21, 24, 28 |
| BUSINESS NEWLY OPEN | 2, 10, 16, 21, 30 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 5, 12, 13, 19, 24 |
| CONTRACT SIGN | 4, 10, 16, 21, 30 |
| DOOR HANGING | 22 |
| ENGAGEMENT | 3, 9, 12, 24, 25, 28 |
| FUNERALS, BURIALS | 2, 12, 15 |
| HOUSE CLEANING | 9, 14, 19, 23 |
| HUNTING, FISHING | 4 |
| MARRIAGE | 6, 9, 10, 11, 15, 19, 21, 24, 25, 28, 30 |
| MEDICAL CONSULTATION | 3, 5, 16, 22, 25, 26 |
| MOVING PERMISES | 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 21, 30 |
| PLANTING | 13, 16, 17, 28 |
| SIGN HANGING | 2, 25 |
| TRAVEL | 3, 5, 6, 9, 16, 21, 25, 30 |

## NEW (AMERICAN) ENGLISH

***Blaff*** (noun); a West Indian stew consisting of fish or pork, seasonings such as lime and garlic, and often fruits and vegatables: "Stuffed crabs, crayfish dishes, a fish stew called blaff, and acras, or hot fish fritters, are among the specialties served in the popular Creole restaurants.

*Blaff* is beginning to appear on American menus. It's origin seems to stem from the English word *broth.* Similar dishes are called *braff* in Dominica and *fish-broff* in Grenada. The influence probably came from old English seaman whose cockney accents pronounce broth as *broff.*

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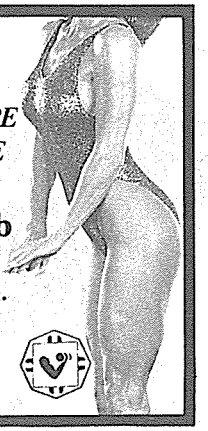

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## WHOSE SHOES ARE THESE?

Some folks would rather switch than fight – and Taiwan's footwear manufacturers seem to be joining these ranks by setting their sights on exports of machinery to new, potential shoemakers in the Far East.

In the process, they're taking the footwear cycle one step further away from the developed nations, and are giving less-developed nations in the region a shot at lucrative exports to the West.

Also in the process, the industry seems to be moving to the point where, in just a few years, Taiwan's shoe people might be making more money exporting plants, equipment, and materials than they now do from selling shoes.

That's saying a lot; according to government statistics, the industry last year exported almost $3.8 billion worth of shoes – up 19 percent from 1986. That makes shoes Taiwan's single-largest export commodity – garments, computers, and televisions by themselves don't begin to compare.

In fact, Taiwan is becoming increasingly known as "the Italy of the East" in terms of its exports of machinery and materials. Officials of the Taiwan Footwear Manufacturers Association, which oversees the industry and tries to upgrade its output, say that anyone in the region who wants to start up a shoemaking industry has to talk to Taiwan.

There's more than a germ of truth in that. Italy – and to a lesser extent, other European nations – is far and away the world leader in terms of quality machinery, design, and materials. But again, what Italy has to offer in these lines is more up-market than lesser-developed nations can appreciate – or afford.

That leaves Taiwan, which took over the Asian shoemaking trade from the Japanese in the late 1980s and has emerged as the world's leading exporter – in terms of quantity, anyway – of lower-end shoes.

Along the way, machinery makers found ways to, shall we say, modify existing designs to suit Taiwan's needs and pocketbook. Synthetics makers, too, were happy to supply all the PVC and PU leather the industry needed to keep gorging the world on cheap footwear.

Still, the inevitable wheel of world economics kept turning, and Taiwan increasingly has found itself in the same position the Japanese did 20 years ago. With rising prosperity came rising wages, and slowly but surely cheap footwear has gotten more expensive to make.

The appreciation of the NT dollar over the past year-and-a-half hasn't helped either, and manufacturers are nowadays faced with a choice of going offshore or perishing if they want to stay in the low-end.

Not many of the Footwear Association's 1,200-odd members, it seems, have either the financial resources, the incentive, or the understanding to make the switch to higher-end (read, *leather*) goods.

For those few that have the money and the savvy, made-in-Taiwan footwear still offers a good living, of course, and foreign suppliers from Italy and the US are lining up to provide them with the best in machinery and materials.

But for every manufacturer prepared to make the switch to the big-time, there are others who, for one reason or another, probably won't. The loss of these customers could cause severe disruption in the machinery and materials industry if it weren't for the new frontiers beckoning in Asia and elsewhere.

Among these nations Indonesia especially stands out. The government there has targeted footwear as an industry well-suited to the country's level of development, and one estimate places the market potential there at 400 new factories a year for the next two years.

The increased concentration on developing new machinery and materials markets was especially evident at Shoetech Taipei '88, held in March at the Sungshan Airport exhibition complex. After the show, manufacturers of machinery reported orders, either concluded or under negotiation, at US$8 million – more than double last year's figures.

"We've made great progress in the shoemaking industry and related industries during the past few years, and we've attracted the attention of neighboring countries in the Far East," says C.S. Chen, chairman of the Footwear Association. "I believe we are the

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In fact, one industry source estimates that Taiwan now exports 70 percent or more of its shoe-making machinery output, while selling the remainder at home. During the heyday of the shoe industry – the late 1970s and early 1980s – almost all of the machinery-makers' output was sold on the island.

King Steel Machinery provides a good example of this. One of Taiwan's largest manufacturers of plastic-injection molding machinery, last year exported 85 percent of its production, valued at NT$200 million, to Southeast and West Asia, the Middle East, and Pakistan. J.D. Chen, the company's president, adds that he plans to try to crack the tough European market as well with a promotion planned for this month in West Germany.

Jeff Huang, one of the shoe industry's leading lights, has over the past two or three years added whole-plant exports – including complete turn-key plants – to his already considerable footwear-related mix.

Mr Huang, head of the Inter-Classico group of companies and a member of the footwear association's board of directors, long ago analysed the trends of Taiwan's footwear industry and decided to diversify his risk by a serious foray into plant exports. He now has agents around the region who supply equipment, materials, and technology to ASEAN nations – and he adds that even the mainland may now be making shoes on machinery supplied by Taiwan.

If this trend continues – and, from a viewpoint of pure economics, there is every indication that it will – Taiwan's role in the Asian footwear world will change tremendously in the next couple of years.

Gone will be the manufacturers of cheap PVC and PU shoes, replaced by clones around the region whose wages and level of development can benefit from such an industry – and who will probably come under much the same fire from the US and other Western consumer nations as Taiwan is feeling now.

In their place will be a few dedicated shoemakers using high-quality materials and top-of-the-line equipment – possibly manufactured in cooperation with the Italians and the West Germans – to turn out shoes in reduced numbers but at vastly-improved profit margins.

And there will be the run-of-the-mill Taiwan machinery and material makers, supplying the needs of emerging nations that care to have a go at shodding the feet of a two-legged world.

*Bob King*


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## NORTHWEST PARTY AT HILTON

A party was held last month at the Taipei Hilton to bid farewell to Dan Cunmings, outgoing manager for Northwest Airlines, and to welcone new manager Kenneth Connor. About 100 friends attended.

## DANZAS GOES SOLO

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## COMPUTER TALK

*by Stan*

### KEEPING UP WITH THE COMPUTERS

Everyone would like to see a little bit into the future. Football scores and stock market tips aside, you might be thinking of buying a new computer, and striving for a glimpse "as through a glass, darkly" of the latest developments in hardware, anxious not make a purchase that might become prematurely outmoded. If the decision is to purchase a new computer system for your company, multiply this need by the gross income of your company divided by your current data processing expenses. . .

Well let me just confirm your worst fears – no matter what you decide, you are already out of date. Behind every model of computer on the market today is stacked a more advanced model (or three) that is just waiting for the current flavor to exhaust its market potential. Resign yourself to this inevitability, and concern

yourself instead with the availability of software for the particular model of computer that is most readily available, including service and maintenance facilities, at the best price.

It would be nice to provide for your expanding data processing needs for the next five years, but it is improbable that you know what those needs will be, or that you can envision the software solutions that will be available at that time. In any case, the computer you buy today, with the software to perform a given task, will still be capable of performing that same task five or seven years from now, no matter how many System 9XXX's come out of the woodwork in the meantime.

However, there is one thing that I highly recommend you provide for – networking capability. The thing is, that with the enormous data processing capability distributed amongst personal computer users today, the bottleneck that has arisen is not the ability to manipulate data, but the ability to move that data from one computer to another.

On the most basic Level, for instance, any software that you buy (yes, program files are data too) is, in essence, moved from the publisher's computers to your own. You know how expensive that particular move can get. . . Going one step further, if you have more than one personal computer, how often have you wished you could zap data from one to the other – especially if your computers are of different types or support different disk drive sizes? In an office environment, the problem is again compounded by the number of computers in use and the sometimes very large size of the data files being manipulated. And for multi-national companies. . . well of course they've already done what they've had to, but you can see that computer data communication has become a rather urgent and – since time is money – expensive affair.

Almost every computer on the market today is provided with, or supports, the addition of a communications interface, a.k.a. the "comm" port. Except for the most fanatic isolationist, a computer without this facility is simply a bad buy. Two or more computers can be hardwired together through their comm ports to share data files and hardware devices such as printers or fixed disk drives, although it is actually more convenient to implement such Local Area Networks (LANs) through the installation of prepackaged networking hardware and software.

More commonly, the comm port is reserved for connection to a modem (and you've probably noted the recent explosion of suppliers and the price reductions for this particular device), giving your computer access to the outside world over the most extensive wiring network on the face of this globe – the telephone system. Thus equipped, you can dial up and leave "send money" messages on your dad's computer in Boston, access any of the commercial data communications services and get the latest (no, not future) stock market quotations and football scores, or if you have a lot of time and don't mind making powerful enemies, hack your way through comsats and leased lines to a certain cray III in the Rocky Mountains.

This turns up the other side of the coin – computer security. I hadn't installed my own data line for a week before I got my first crank call, and there's a fellow who's adopted the handle "Bandit Ho Ho Ho" (and a bottle of rum) who borrows files from my computer from time to time. If, someday, you can have access over a universal network to any computer anyplace in the world, what is to bar every other computer in the world (or, shiver, off it) access to your private files?

*Next month – data security.*


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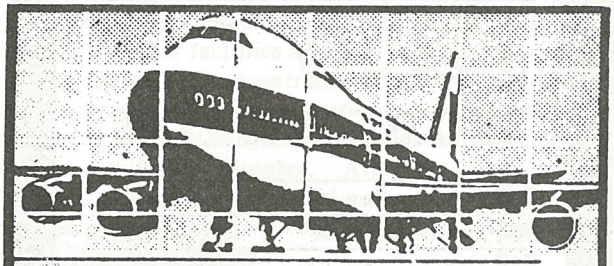

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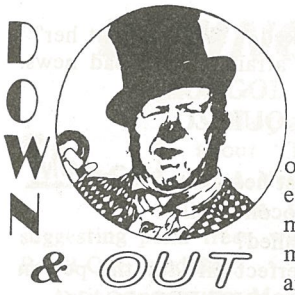


# BARSTOOL VIEWS

*By Durdley Drinkright*

Back in the old days, here on Ille de Formosa, we suffered severely from a lack of meaningful and coherent daily media – the newspapers were an obnoxious mixture of misinformation, utter nonsense and compounded errors. And not much has changed!

Needless to say, I don't read the two local English press offerings more than absolutely necessary because the only thing that seems to have changed much is that we now have a lot more unreadable pages. In real terms this means that you can now either housebreak two dogs simultaneously or cover the bottom of three large bird cages and have enough left over to make some heavy-duty cockroach swatters. I've been toying with the idea of exporting the excess sheets to England for use as humorous (more like hilarious) fish and chips wrappers.

Anyhoo, let's face it, there's really no need to tire your orbs trying to read these rags when they are creatively read to you over the airwaves by that crew up on the hill who are just trying to prove that *everything* they do isn't just original, extemporaneous talent.

What all this adds up to is that on a recent survey, conducted by no other than your's truly, the average happy hour pub dweller does not read a local newsrag – no siree! Based on data gathered from no less than ten local grog shops the average barstool browser reads either USA today or the Herald Trib on ratio of 8 to 2 over the local news effarts (no, it's not spelled wrong).

The survey also elicited the following comments from a few of our (still) upstanding (at that hour) crawlers:

The intrepid, Retchley Twurbb commented, "I kept chucking up my breakfast when there was only one morning paper – now, how dya expect me to handle two of 'em? I mean, with a hangover it can get damn messy."

Everybody's friend, Heathcliff Splinchter-Browne, said, "too much scare journalism around here – all that AIDS diatribe – it's bloody *frightening*, it's simply scaring me *straight*. And I'm *never* going to Kaohsiung again!"

None other than Jean-Claude Le Pouf excitedly exclaimed, "Sacre! Zank zee gods I am not reading well zee damn barbaric Anglais language. Zees papers do not make zee heads from zee tails, Me? I reading only zee technial theengs like Playboy, Penthouse, Sir, Mayfair and that wunnerfool report, *"Ramifications of Anal Sex and a Greek President,"* by zee infamous Rev. Jimminy Swiggit."

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Well, now you know what the hard-core drinking community has to say about the situation. And these guys should know since they have to get their reading done in about one hour each day – between hangover and blotto.

A few days later I saunters into the Shakes & Beers and runs into old Percy Prestwick, the world's only two-eyed Cyclops, eyeballing a local periodical of some kind – I've always got the feeling that by calling magazines periodicals they must be of the female gender.

"What're you reading Percy?" Says I.

"Last month's Blammo," says he, lifting the cover up to my diluted (yes, that's the right word) eyeballs as proof.

"Egad!" I gasped seeing the cover pic, "it must be a feature on acute shaving rash. That poor bugger has to be in agony. Maybe he needs a new razor?"

"Leave me alone, Durd. Anyway I haven't got to that part yet." griped Percy. "Why don't you just leave me alone and I'll let you read my paper."

Well I knew it was a mistake the moment I touched that newspaper. Sure enough, just as I got going on it who should stagger in, spewing garlic laden beer fumes than the humanoid stinky-tofu hisself, P.J. Bottoms. P.J., who even looks like last month's tofu warmed over, decides he wants to read over my heretofore clean, dry shoulder.

"Cheezus," slobbers P.J., "look at that, the Prince of Wales got burnt to a crisp. Wha happened?"

"P. J. I can see you've never learned the knack of reading these local journalistic gems. As usual, the Prince of Wales pic is on the next page over the caption *"King of The Lower Voltage visits Taipoo."*

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Somehow ole besotted P.J. felt insulted and lurched over to breathe vile fumes over percy Prestwick's shoulder, trying to focus in on the shaving rash bit.

As long as I was holding this newsrag in my hands I figgered I might as well check for the meeting of my favorite fraternal organization . . . ahh, there it was, as usual, in the sports section: "The Loyal Squadron of Military Maggots Post 562,159 International Legion of Air Raid Wardens will hold a special meeting to honor the first visit in this decade of their eminent leader, the First Fat Maggot, K. Quigley Prang. The affair will take place – ***continued tomorrow***."

Well, I tore that edition into so many pieces that the shaio-nai-nai thought I was throwing confetti and started to propose marriage.

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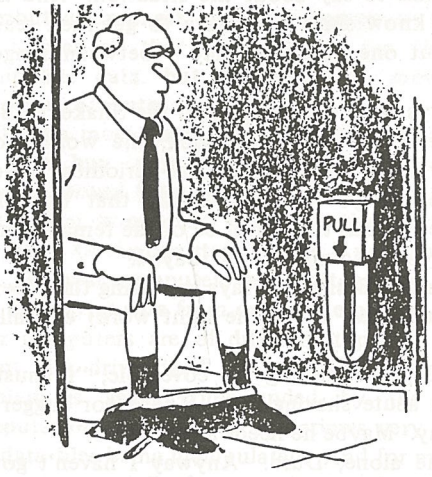


## CHUCKLERS

"Yes, you heard correctly," George said to the girl sitting next to him, "my wife ran off with my very best friend."

"I'm terribly sorry," she said. "I suppose he was one of those gigolos?"

"I don't know," George said. "I never met the man."

* * *

A man walked into the bar to find his best friend totally drunk.

"What's wrong, Fred?" he asked.

"It's a woman, Bill," Fred replied.

"I thought so. What woman?"

Fred downed another shot and said, "I guess I have to tell you. It's your wife."

"My wife?" Bill said, shocked. "What about her?"

"Buddy," Fred said, "I'm afraid I have bad news. Your wife is cheating on us."

## DURDLEY'S QUIZZO

1. What is pillage?
2. Who received the world's first heart transplant?
3. Why are a Scotsman and a coconut alike?
4. What are black gay-libbers called?
5. UPDATE – What is the perfect gift for the person who has everything?

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## CHECKING OUT THE SOUTHIES

Here's a gander at some of Kaohsiung's prime pubs, taverns and bierstubes. This pictorial series will continue in following issues. For elated info see Kaohsiung community news – and check the ads for a *great southern pub crawl.*

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# DINING OUT & DINING IN

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## MONGOL MONGOLIAN

Having wondered for some months about "The Taste Of Old Mongolian In A New Culinary Setting," as espoused on their advertising, and a logo suggesting palm trees, we made our way to the Mongol Bar-B-Q & salad Bar.

As it happens the Mongol Mongolian B-B-Q is on the 2nd floor over the Mongol Japanese – and if you aren't careful you find yourself eating raw sahimi instead of the barbequed vittles.

Personally I prefer some authentic atmosphere to match my meal. For example, when dining Italian the food seems to taste at least a little bit better with red-checkered tablecloths and empty Chianti bottles hanging around.

Now, I'm not absolutely sure what best mixes with Mongolian Bar-B-Q but my imagination doesn't conjure up bright modern French by a long shot.

Unfortunately this sort of mis-matching is fairly rampant around the island these days. It is one of those highly visible symptoms shown by an untravelled agrarian society making a too fast transition into a modern cosmopolitan setting.

Anyway, once we had forced our aesthetic sensitiviness to accept the surroundings it became evident that the service staff were plentiful and efficient, and a trip to the B-B-Q assembly area further convinced us that clean, wholesome ingredients, from the meats through the veggies were being presented. And, the selection line and barbequers were efficient enough.

One highly noteworthy feature are the cases containing the B-B-Q ingredients and the salad/fruit selections. They have been designed to give maximum hygenic protection to the foodstuffs – being both well covered with glass barriers plus UV lighting and protective air curtain.

At the Mongol the usual rules apply, with refills as usual. In addition there is a choice of sweet-sour or corn soup, plus sesame bread and an appetizer of cold spicy noodles. The salad and fruit bar, although of rather limited selection, are adequate.

All-in-all Mongol Mongolian at NT$280 (plus 5% VAT and 10% service) per head – NT$150 for children under 140 cm tall (5'5") – is a reasonable and enjoyable repast. The tab for two adults and one bonafide, under 140 cm, child came to NT$869, all-in, including one soft drink.

The Mongol is located at 998 Min-Sheng E. Rd., roughly 1.5 km east Tun-hua N. Rd., just where the road widens onto the big circle. Tel. 762-6645.

## INDONESIAN DISCOVERY

We set out to satisfy our curiosity last month, making course for the upper reaches of Chung-hsiao East Road and the "Medan Coffee Shop – Serving Indonesian Food."

The Medan turned out to be a rather smallish and unremarkably appointed shop which served up some absolutely delicious food to the delight of a couple of sets of jaded taste buds.

Not only was the food truly remarkable, our hostess, Ms. Mary Lee was attentive, knowledgeable and spoke good English, which helped not a little bit in making our visit enjoyable.

The menu is in Indonesian and Chinese, so most expats will be put-off at first sight of it – and this is where Ms Lee proves her abilities. She can explain every dish in detail and make excellent recommendations.

Everything was so tempting that, against Ms. Lee's advice, we ended up ordering enough for double our number, which included these mouth watering treats served with rice:

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All this was finished off with fruit in honey-sweetened coconut milk for dessert

The bill for this feast, which could have satisfied four persons, came to just over NT$800.

The Medan Coffee Shop is at 23 Chung-hsiao East Road, Sec. 2. Tel. 395-1851.

## DINING IN

### SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN WITH PINEAPPLE

*2 tbsp. sesaame oil*

*8 oz. chicken breast, cut into bite-size pieces (225 grams).*

*1 large onion, diced*

*½ head broccoli florets*

*1 small sweet pepper, diced*

*5 stalks green onions in 1" pieces, green tops, too*

*¼ tsp. salt*

*1 tbsp. ginger juice**

*½ cup chicken stock*

*1 cup pineapple, diced (fresh or canned, drained)*

*½ cup Basic Sweet and Sour Sauce (see below)*

1. Heat oven to 375 F (190 C). (may also be just stir fried)
2. Heat sesaame oil in a wok or skillet over med-high. Stirfry chicken for about 5 minutes. Set aside.
3. Stir-fry onion, broccoli and peppers until the color brightens. Add green onions, salt, ginger juice and stock. Stir in the chicken. Cover and cook 3-4 minutes, or until chicken is done.
4. Stir in the pineapple chunks and ½ cup sweet and sour sauce (or to taste). Stir until heated through and slightly thickened.
5. Place mixture in baking dish and bake 10 minutes.
6. Center on serving platter. Garnish platter with leaves, flowers or sliced vegetables. Serves 4.

NOTE: This dish may be baked and presented in the hollowed half of a fresh pineapple shell.

*Grate fresh ginger and squeeze the gratings to produce juice.

### BASIC SWEET & SOUR SAUCE

*½ cup honey*

*¼ cup catsup*

*½ cup pineapple juice*

*⅓ cup vinegar*

*2 cloves garlic, chopped fine.*

*2 tbsp. cornstarch mixed with ⅓ cup water*

Heat honey, catsup, pineapple juice, vinegar and garlic to boiling. Stir in the cornstarch mixture. Cook, stirring for 2 minutes.

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Editors Note: The Welcome which appeared in our last month's (May 1988) issue is totally unrelated to the Wellcome supermarkets featured in the foregoing article.


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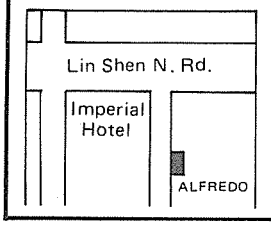


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# HOTEL WATCH

## EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

***Royal*** is having a seafood festival in their French Restaurant Les Celebrites from June 16 – July 15. A five course set menu will feature cream of shellfish soup, small balls stuffed with baked crabmeat, salmon with sweet and sour sauce and other exciting dishes; seafood a la carte menu will also be available. The Coffee House is offering special summer Thirst Quenches from June till August: Cola Melon, Hawaii Cocktail, Shopping Cooler made from fresh fruit, ice cream soft drink and more.

***Hilton*** *Roof Garden* will start the season with a Fri & Sat. B-B-Q will be featured. *Coffee Garden* will offer the "taste of mango" during the month. A Seafood Buffet with a wide variety of fish in Hunan Restaurant with "Tofu Speciality" during June with many types of tofu prepared a variety of ways. 13th – 18th is a "Dragon Boat Festival" featuring different flavors of glutinous rice dumplings (batsan). For info or reservations tel. 311-5151.


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## DINERS GORGE PEKING DUCK

A regrettable-yet-unavoidable culinary evolution is taking place in Taiwan as it develops economically. Restaurants shed regional and provincial menus in favor of more sollable pan-chinese ones. At many local Cantonese restaurants managed and staffed by native Taiwanese, one orders popular Szechuan specialties like "Kung Pao Chi Ting" with unpredictable results.

While dishes are exchanged among restaurants with provincial cuisines, some dishes such as Peking duck defy borrowing. Curiousity about this dish, perhaps the

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most recognized but least sampled product of Chinese cuisine, recently drew a small crowd of curious people to Shanhsi Restaurant, alleged to have good duck.

Shanhsi Province sits just west of Hopei Province in which Peking is situated. Accents at the restaurant are noticeably mainlandese, and indeed the final end of one particular local duck began only after some instruction from a waiter, himself a Shanhsi native.

Peking duck ( 北平烤鴨 ) requires about 40 minutes to prepare and serve. Shanhsi's is well worth the wait. "Duck in Two Ways" arrived in the form of a large platter of sliced meat separated from crispy skin, and a bowl of light creamy soup made with duck bones and bean noodles.

While the soup was tasty, it served more as a beverage for the completely dry meal. The platter on the other hand was accompanied by small plates of scallion lengths, sweet bean paste and wheat pancakes *a la moushu.* As instructed, all enfolded a pancake and brushed one face of it with paste using a scallion length. Scallion, meat and a piece of skin are then piled on, to be folded up in a modified sandwich.

The result is mouth watering: a series of chewy/crunchy textures coupled with sweet/savory flavors. Each "sandwich" took about one minute to prepare and perhaps 10 seconds to devour. A doggy bag, however, finished the duck in the end.

The full repast consisted of six dishes, kicking off with "Lightly Fried Shrimp," ( 清炒蝦仁 ) shelled, plentiful and just cooked through. Consisting of plump shrimp and a light sauce with a touch of sweetness, this under-NT$150 dish disappeared quickly.

Kaiyang Cabbage ( 開洋白菜 ) and "Sugar-vinegar Yellow Fish" ( 糖醋黃魚 ) soon followed. The cabbage was fine, flavored with small brown shrimps, but resembled generic cabbage dishes in restaurants around town. The yellow fish was sweet without being too so, served in large, efficiently deboned pieces. It also suggested provincial borrowing, yellow fish being a salt-water fish and Shanhsi Province being decidedly inland.

The last dish before the Peking duck was a tofu fried in the Shanshi fashion, called something like "Pan-Fried Tofu"( 鍋貼豆腐 ). This dish entails a crispy-though-not oily tofu and green vegetable pancake, sliced into chopstick-sized pieces. The souffle-like inside, crispy outside and black pepper garnish create a memorable savory treat.

The restaurant sits at No. 83, Sec. 1, Yenping S. Rd. (Tel: 361-2792) on a park behind the Rebar Department Store. It seats about 100 in the main dining room whose walls are painted an ivory white and decorated with mirrored panels. This particular Sunday night saw about a 50% table occupancy. As things go, it is attractive though not quite elegant.

More profoundly, Shanhsi Restaurant is inexpensive The per person price for the meal worked out to about NT$270, well under the NT$350 target.

Almost every dish offers three different sizes, with the smallest hovering around NT$150. The kitchen prepares whole Peking duck in one way for NT$500,

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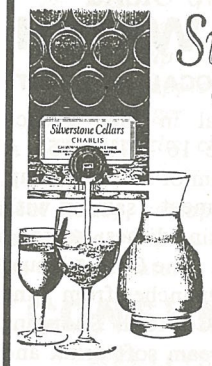


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## VFW DISTRICT IV ELECTS

VFW District IV (Taiwan) elected and installed officers for the 1988-89 administrative year at their annual convention, held this year at Taichung Post 727. Commander, second term, Larry R. Braley (727), Senior Vice Commander Clifford D. Jones (727), Junior Vice Commander Edward B. Little (9957), Quartermaster Clifton W. Wilsey (9957), Chaplain, second term, Daniel E. Bradley, Judge Advocate William H. Wichmann (89), Surgeon Michael Falaz (727); Constantinos "Chick" Talas has been elected 3 year Trustee, present 2 and 3 year Trustees O'Dowd and Henley move up to 2 and 1 year Trustees. The installing officer was Past All – Amerace Dept. Comdr. Paul T. O'Dowd Appointed officers are Adjustant, second term, Donald O. Webster (9957), Service Officer/VOD Chairman, second term, Paul T. O'Dowd (9957), Membership Chairman Budget Officer Clifton W. Wilsey (9957), Safety Jack A. Copenhaver (9957), Americanism/Loyalty Day Dennis K. Yee (727), Buddy Poppy/Officer of the Day Leroy Gradney (89); Public Relations will be retained by Commander Braley and Vernell Henley (89) will retain the Community Activities Officer position.

## PHONE REPLACEMENT

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# LOCAL COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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Operated in English by fully qualified expatriates, the Learning Tree Pre-school Kindergarten opened it's doors last month to the community.

The Learning Tree is for children ages 3 to 6, with summer school starting 2 June, until 29 July. Registration for the following Fall and Spring semesters can also be made now. The school is located near the Shihpai Veterans General Hospital. Telephone 835-5592 for particulars.

### FITNESS OPEN HOUSE

Clark Hatch will hold an Open House Saturday June 11, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM for general public. Guest speaker Clark Hatch himself will give a talk on Exerciese & Nutrition at 10AM and 5:00PM (something that should not be missed!). Aerobic and weight training exhibitions will also be on the agenda.

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| 2 | 30th Anniversary Concert of Pepartment of Music National Taiwan Academy Arts. | CH |
| 2 | Taipei City Symphony Orchestra | MS |
| 3 | Hochmuth Cello Chamber Concert. | CH |
| 4, 5 | Bunraku Theatre – "Sonezaki Shinju" | NT |
| 4, 5 | Enlegant Music of Strings & Flute | CH |
| 8 | Chuang Ssu-Yuan & Chen Jung Kuang Concert | CH |
| 10 | Romantic & Impressionist Music-E.S.O. | CH |
| 12, 13 | Wiener Kammerorchester | CH |
| 12, 14 | The Opera–"The White Snake Legend" | NT |
| 14-19 | The Drama – Hong Lou Mon | MS |
| 15 | The White Snake Legend | NT |
| 16 | The Butterfly Lovers | NT |
| 17 | The Story of Chu Palace | NT |
| 19 | Cristina Ortiz Piano Recital | CH |
| 21-26 | PILOBOLUS Dance Theater | NT |
| 22-25 | Chinese Opera | MS |
| 25 | Concert of Taiwan Trio | NT |
| 28 | Lee, Ching-Mei Recital | CH |
| 28 | The Favorite Concubine Becoming Tipsy | NT |
| 29 | Night of Hakka Music | CH |
| 29 | Corssroad/Fan Wang Temple | NT |
| 30 | The White Snake Legend | NT |

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## ORGANIZATIONAL NOTICES

***Gateway*** will be closed every Monday during summer. Wednesday coffee mornings will continue, but there will be no monthly special coffee. Opering hours are 8:30 AM to 4PM Tue-Fri. The address is 4th Fl, 438 Chung Shan N Rd. Sec. 6, Tien Mau, Tel 871-9031.

***Christian Womens club*** will meet at the Asia World Hotel (100 Tun Hwa N. Rd) on June 23 at 11:45. Radio news broad-caster David Yen will speak on the theme "Rowing to Win" and David Tank will speak about Water Safety. Tickets are NT$320. for reservationscall Kathy Frederiksen 918-0467 or Rhex McMurdock 892-2924 by Tue June 21.

***Int'l Women's Club*** are having a break for the summer. Registration for the new season will begin late August/early September. Shirlee Lee is the person to contact Tel. 735-0753.

## TAICHUNG

***Christian Women's Club*** are meeting at a new venue this month – the Red Roof Restaurant, 89 Lin Sen Rd., on June 21 at 11:45. Miss Hwei Jin Wang, a singer featured in the Woman magazine July 87, will sing and speak on "Reason to See." Reservations NT$240 phone Pam Warton 231-8674.

***Int'l Women's Assn*** are holding coffee mornings on the first Wednesday of each month during summer. Contact Liffy Kennedy for details. (04) 251-4146.

***VFW Post 727:*** The monthly meeting for June 1988 has been changed *from* Monday, *13 June to* Monday, *6 June.* Same time and place.

D-Day, Allied invasion of Europe 1944 will be observed as part of the meeting of 6 June. Post will be opened for this part of activities.

FLAG DAY, Tuesday, 14 June, will be observed at the VSC at 6:00 P.M. American expatriates are especially welcome. Extended "happy hour" will follow brief ceremonies.

The installation of Post Officers was held at the Veterans Service Center in Taichung at 4 p.m. on Sun, May 15th. In addition to Commander, Harry A. Bowser,

the following elected officers were installed. Senior Vice Commander Andrew C. Shafer, Quartermaster Clifford D. Jones, Chaplain Daniel E. Bradley, Post Advocate James A. Buffett, Surgeon Donald R. Bodie was not present. Appointed officers are Adjutant/ Membership Clifford D. Jones, Buddy Poppy/Public Relations Andrew C. Shafer, Voice of Democracy/ Safety Daniel E. Bradley, Service Officer James A. Buffett, Hospital Chairman Donald R. Bodie, Officer of the Day/Americanism Dennis K. Yee. Trustees remain Henry Tittle and Dennis Yee. The installing officer was Charles E. Palmer, Past District IV Commander.

## TAICHUNG JOINERS LIST (04)

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# SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS & OTHER FUN

## TRI-CITY CRICKET FEST

May 15th a 16th was cricketers' weekend in Kaohsiung with the inaugural Tri-City Trophy match on Saturday, and the Da Silva cup match against Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday.

Saturdays round of matches was organised as a three-three-way limited over competition between the Taipei, Kaohsiung and Kowloon teams. In the first game, Taipei was victorious against Kowloon in an exciting finish when Taipei scored on the last ball to win by just one run, Kowloon batted first for a score of 92 runs off 15 overs, and with the scores level with one ball to play, one run from the final delivery was enough to clinch the first victory ever for Taipei against the Kowloon team.

In the second match, Kaohsiung against Kowloon, Kowloon batted first with 6 for 83 runs off the 15 overs, which was enough to hold off the Koahsiung challenge. Kaohsiungs' scored 77 runs off 15 overs for the loss of 4 wickets.

The final match on Saturday brught the Taipei team's second victory with a win against Kaohsiung. In a shortened 12 over match. Kaohsiung's score of 54 was overhauled by the Taipei batsmen in their 8th over. The win made Taipei the outright victors of the day and the winners of the first Tri-City Cup trophy.

The Sunday 'main event' was the semi-annual Da-Silva Cup match – a combined Taiwan side playing against the Kowloon cricket club. Kowloon batted first but with a fine bowling performance by Sarel van zyl, the Taiwan lads had the visitors on the run and all out for 53 in 24.1 overs. Sarel's bowling figures were 8 overs 3 maidens 3 wickets for 12 runs, others to do well were Owen Hegarty 6 overs 2 for 10, Sunil 5 overs 4 maidens 2 for 3, Peter Mills 3 overs 2 for 14, Bharat Shan 1 over 1 for 9 and Deepak off one over, 1 for 0.

Opening batsmen Gary Hexter and Damian Jaume then began Taiwan's innings with a solid partnership of 26, getting the locals off to a good start, and paving the way for the remaining batsmen to pass Kowloon's score for victory in the 14th over with 5 wickets still in hand. The win for the Taiwan team is also their first against Kowloon since the Da-Silva Cup commenced in 1983.

The return match is scheduled in September, when the local team will be defending their win on Kowloon's home turf in Hong Kong.

## TAIWAN-WIDE PHILIPS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The island-wide Philips Cup tennis tournament will be held in late June and is open to both men and women. Elimination matches will be divided into northern, central and southern regions to be held in Taipei, Taichung and Kaohsiung on June 18-19.

Final matches will be on the weekend of June 25-26 in Taipei. For more information call any of the following offices M-F 9:00 to 17:00.

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## TAIPEI MEN'S SOFTBALL

Congatulations are in order for the VFW who captured the season trophy. Their only losses came from ICRT, who ended the V's 13-game winning streak, followed by the Teachers.

Ballots have been circulated among all teams for each player to nominate who they felt were outstanding at their positions. Results will be given in next month's Grapevine.

The post-season tournement began May 20 and wound up the weekend of May 27-28. The format was changed to a blind draw this season. In the past, the season's top finishers drew automatic byes. Teams drawing byes for this tournament were the Butchers, President's, AIT, SLOBs and TAS Boys.

The first game saw ICRT roll over the SOBs with four home runs by B.C. Next in line, the VFW bested the Bankers, Teachers romped over ELST and the SLOBs slammed the TAS Boys. This is a double elimination tourney so the SOBs, Bankers, ELSI and TAS slinked into the losers' bracket. ICRT then slipped by the Butchers and the President's outlasted the "V" in 10 innings for a 7-6 win.


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Look for the SLOBs, ICRT and the Teachers to battle it out for the tourney trophy. This is the last hurrah for the SLOBs as they're disbanding due to transfers. Look for the SLOBs to start a Wanchai team and take on the teams that play in Hongkong.

## TAIPEI MEN'S BOWLING

Still early in the summer season, there are only two standouts in men's bowling. These are Laban with 10 points and the Cooties with two. Firebugs and Hwozzat are tied with seven apiece, JDA and Sam's are tied with six, and MCFPP and AIT are tied with five each.

## MEN'S WINTER BOWLING AWARDS

*MCFPP's Bud Porter receives 1st place smootch from league sec'y Stan Firme.*

*Firebug Bill Martin declines 2nd place smootch in Lieu of cash prize.*

*JDA's Joe Dikoff accepts 3rd place prize money at a safe distance.*

TAS Men's Spring Softball Standings

| | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| VFW | 14 | 2 |
| Teachers | 12 | 10 |
| SLOBs | 10 | 3 |
| ICRT | 11 | 5 |
| SOBs | 11 | 6 |
| Presidents | 9 | 8 |
| TAS Boys | 8 | 8 |
| Bankers | 4 | 11 |
| AIT | 3 | 12 |
| Butchers | 3 | 12 |
| ELSI | 1 | 15 |

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## DOWN ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT

| Date | Program | Place |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | Recital of Chinese, Japan, Korean | Taichung |
| 3 | Opera – Chao yuan, Ding Yen Hai | Taichung |
| 5 | I.M.A.G.O. Mine | Kaohsiung |
| 6 | Piano Recital – Chang Ge-Je | Taichung |
| 7 | Organ Night | Kaohsiung |
| 18 | Piano Recital | Kaohsiung |
| 24 | The Cancert of Tamkang University Chorus | Taichung |
| 25 | The Cancert of Tamkang University Chorus | Kaohsiung |
| 25 | The Night of Chinese – Indian Arts | Taichung |
| 24-30 | Taiwanres Opera | Kaohsiung |

Kaohsiung: Kaohsiung Cultural Center高雄市文化中心
Taichung: Taichung Chung Hsing Hall 台中市中興堂

## THE BOOK SHELF

### *The Great Depression of 1990*

**by Dr. Ravi Batra**

Dr. Batra begins this book with a lengthy discourse on the theory of social cycles, explaining how various groups came into power over the centuries – we have the age of warriors, the age of intellectuals, labourers etc. It's a long and boring introduction supported by few facts and bears scant relevance to the book's main argument.

He then groups together U.S. economic figures since the 18th century and, as it turns out, shows that there has been either a recession or a depression every 30 or 60 years (barring intervals for periods of war). After listing a number disturbing parallels between the 1920's and 1980's, he concludes that we are going to have a depression in the 1990's.

The economics professor lists a couple of other predictions he's made in the past which have come true, such as the Iran-Iraq war; he doesn't mention, though, what the odds were at the time of his prediction nor how many of his predictions have failed to come true.

He then says he hopes the depression doesn't eventuate but goes on to provide a list of safe-havens just in case it does. That's it in a nutshell. As a result, a few people have probably gone out and prepared for the worst, Dr. Batra is a lot richer for his trouble, while the economy is that much more nervous.

You don't really have to be an economics professor to figure out that if a coin is tossed every sixty years and always turns up heads, the chance of it being a head next time is totally unrelated to the previous results. The point being that Dr. Batra has simply said there's been a depression every sixty years, therefore there should be one in the 90's. Other than to off-handedly mention the life-span of successive generations, he has totally failed to explore the reasons why an economic downturn has occurred every thirty or sixty years – is it just coincidence or is there in fact a cycle? Have other countries had similar occurrences? If there is a cycle in the U.S., surely there would be one in other economies. What about the global economy as a whole, have any long term patterns emerged in that? If there is in fact a cycle, what is the relevance of the sixty year period. Is there any cycle in strictly regulated economies or is it a function of free enterprise systems?

Dr. Batra has done well to point out an interesting statistical observation; there may well be long term economic cycles, although apparently his theory (and it is only a theory) has been proven wrong by other economists. However a responsible economics professor might have done a bit more research before adding another straw to the economic-camel's back.

*Damien Brown*

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# TRIVIA TRIFLES AND OTHER DIVERSIONS

## PHOBIAS

Give the layman's definition of the following fears:

1. Ergophobia
2. Agoraphobia
3. Claustrophobia
4. Phobiaphobia
5. Acrophobia
6. Hydrophobia
7. Arachnophobia
8. Triskaidekaphobia
9. Demophobia
10. Nyctaphobia

## DOUBLING

Supply the two missing letters in each group. The correct letters will complete two words: a word which ends with the two missing letters, and a word which begins with the same two missing letters. For example, by filling in "EN" in the group W O V – – TER, you form the words WOVEN and ENTER. When the correct letters are filled in, you will find the name of a celebrity by reading under the arrows.

1. C O B – – I S E
2. F L O – – G A N
3. L I M – – G U S
4. N O V – – U D E
5. M E T – – U G H
6. H E A – – Y M E
7. I N U – – C A P
8. E A R – – I C T
9. S H A – – F E R
10. C H A – – R R Y
11. K A B – – E Y S
12. F L A – – C U R
13. G L A – – B I T

## PUZZLER

Find all those five-figure squares such that the number formed by the first two figures added to that formed by the last two figures should equal a cube. Thus with the square of 141, which is 19,881, if we add 19 and 81 together we get 100, which is a square but unfortunately not a cube.

How many solutions are there altogether?

## WORD DIVISION

In this problem letters have been substituted for numbers. Determine the value of each letter. Then arrange the letters in order from 0 to 9, and they will spell a word.

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                 E R A
        ___________________
T R O T | S N O W M A N      0 __
                             1 __
        N M N D T            2 __
                             3 __
          N A W S A          4 __
          N N R M D          5 __
                             6 __
            S T T A N        7 __
            S S M W D        8 __
                             9 __
                R R N
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## CRYPTOGRAMS

In cryptograms, you are given sentences in which one set of letters is substituted for another. The words are in their right order with a space after each. For example: A BIG CAT, M SWX UMY. Here M is substituted for A, S for B, W for I, etc. You can break each code by watching for the frequency of certain letters or the way they are grouped. You know that a single letter is usually A or I, that the word THE occurs very often in English as does AND. Try IS, IT, OF and other common words when you find a group of two letters.

1. H W C H V Y K J W F V F P U V K N Y P U Y P P D K P N G J V Y V C-C W G I J I G C D Y V K V U A I W C H D V B W Y W K.
2. D T L T S T N T C K T L R H V G Y H R H T A Y C J V T J J Q T D J G T D T J W V L Y Q C T L S D V K-K Y Q D W T H O W C N Y Q K Y L.
3. S G R E R F B V L V M A I R C H R E-E Q L B R U A S G M Q V S B L H R V S V K M V V B O S L I C S M L V L R R Q C S U O B C R U K S U L.

## TRIVIA HODGE-PODGE

1. What fairy tale heroine was rescued by a prince who climbed up her hair?
2. What is the only mammal with four knees?
3. The initials C.Q.D. stand for what?
4. Where would you find Mr. Kite, Mr. Postman, and Mean Mr. Mustard?
5. In what kind of monkey was the *Rh* blood factor discovered?
6. In the game of Monopoly how much does it cost to get out of jail?
7. What was Grace Kelly's last film before she married Prince Rainier?
8. What is the largest Champagne bottle called and what is it's capacity?
9. What is the highest hand in poker?
10. Which wedding anniversary is represented by the pearl?
11. What do the two masks of classical Greek theater represent?
12. The world's hottest recorded temperature was recorded where and what was it?
13. In what country is the Takkakaw Falls located?
14. Which Shakespere character said, "O what a falling off was there?"
15. Caviar is made from the eggs of what fish?

ANSWERS PG. 26

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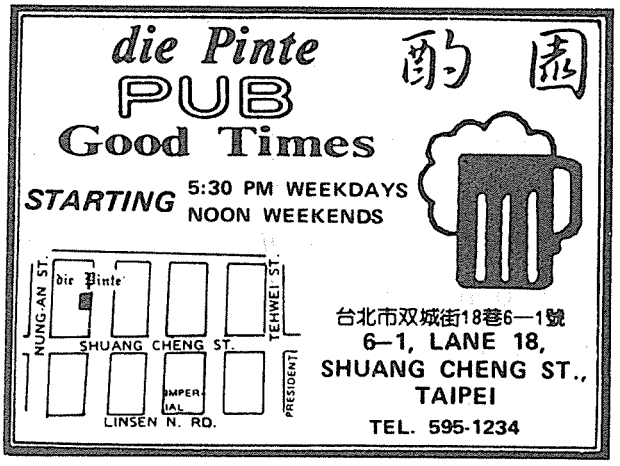



***Horoscope, cont'd . . . . .***

**CANCER** (22 June – 23 Jul) Try to inspire people this month. You should enjoy an uncommon summer vitality. Friends might surprise you, don't despair – forget them. Conserve your energy, don't spread it too thin. Allow your mentality to rule. Is it time for a dental check-up?

**LEO** (24 Jul – 23 Aug) Early month the facts will come out. Beware of gossip. Expect a possible messenger with important news. Someone will offer stimulating ideas – take advantage. Expect important, but not particularly good, news at month's end. Obesity is a danger – keep fit.

**VIRGO** (24 Aug – 23 Sept) In early June attend to social affairs. You have detractors but ignore them as they are unworthy of attention. Maintain an open dialogue with those close to you. Erase old disappointment and seek fresh challenges. Smokers quit now – no tapering off, it's cold turkey or nothing.

**LIBRA** (24 Sept – 23 Oct) Make a concerted effort to mend hard feelings with family or friends. You need to put effort into business affairs to keep things on an even keel. Don't ignore outside activities but get plenty of rest to help in the wake of professional challenges.

**SCORPIO** (24 Oct – 22 Nov) Your wishes might partly come true if you are diligent. Don't allow yourself to dwell on sad affairs. Introspection in mid-month will tempt you to sequester yourself but don't give in and you may come up with some valuable new insights. Check your finances carefully and plot your course out of debt.

**SAGITTARIUS** (23 Nov – 21 Dec) Prospects look better than they really are in early June. – Don't proceed wide-eyed. Check on your obligations. Proceed cautiously in all matters this month. Beware of unexpected repair or maintenance costs. Check your moves in advance to avoid unpleasant surprises. A good physical exam is in order.

**CAPRICORN** (22 Dec – 20 Jan) A month of rewards and caution. Projects are best kept pending until mid-June. Your natural curiosity should be held in check. You must weed out the free-loaders who will try to make gains from your hard word. Toward end-month take a few restful days for yourself – but don't travel beyond reach.

**AQUARIUS** (21 Jan – 19 Feb) Your work environment needs to be freshened up. New projects might require months of effort. Be generous towards those you supervise. Don't show favoritism. A dinner may be in order with a new friend or business associate. Keep private problems to yourself. Seek a permanent solution to any romantic problem.

**PISCES** (20 Feb – 19 Mar) Don't worry about finding that unattainable equilibrium between personal and professional life. Make the best of set-backs and watch your temper. Any trips should be carefully planned this month. Consider some of your past problems which remain unsolved and seek amicable solutions. A good month to spend relaxed weekends at home.

## TRIVIA AND PUZZLE ANSWERS

**WORD DIVISION:** DOWNSTREAM

There are three solutions. They are 56,169 (the square of 237), where 56 + 69 = 125 (the cube of 5); 63,001 (the square of 251), where 63 + 01 = 64 (the cube of 4); 23,104 (the square of 152), where 23 + 04 = 27 (the cube of 3).

### PUZZLER

1. Ginger spice comes from roots of a perennial plant resembling the iris.
2. Canada has many lovely lakes to attract vacationers and commercial fishermen.
3. Ecologists abhor pollution because it poses massive threats to our environment.

### CRYPTOS

1. Word  2. Open spaces  3. Enclosed spaces  4. Fear of fears  5. Heights  6. Water  7. Spiders  8. Number 13  9. Crowds  10. Darkness

### PHOBIAS

1. cobra, raise (ra); 2. floor, organ (or); 3. limbo, bogus (bo); 4. novel, elude (el); 5. metro, rough (ro); 6. heath, thyme, (th); 7. inure, recap (re); 8. eared, edict (ed); 9. shade, defer (de); 10. chafe, ferry (fe); 11. kabob, obeys (ob); 12. flare, recur (re); 13. glade, debit (de). Celebrity's name; Robert Redford.

### DOUBLING

1. Rapunzel  2. Elephant  3. Come Quick Danger (used before SOS was adapted)  4. In songs by the Beatles  5. Rhesus Monkey  6. $50  7. High Society (1956)  8. Nebuchadnezzar (16 litres)  9. Royal Flush  10. 30th  11. Tragedy and comedy  12. Libya (1922), 56C or 136.4F  13. Canada (B.C.)  14. Hamlet  15. Sturgeon

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Although Grapevine chopsticks did not wander on May 15 as planned, they did find their way out on the 22nd. That evening several factors – including the monsoon onslaught of the annual Plum Rain – conspired to keep the Shandsi gathering "intimate" as one regular quipped.

Nonetheless, for a half a dozen to a dozen or more diners, Shanhsi Restaurant's Peking duck and other dishes deserve a strong recommendation. Eaters should be warned that the menu is entirely in Chinese.

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